

Application No. 10/583,556
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A), (B) and (C):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,

(B) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, and

(C) caffeine,

wherein:

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of ~~said the~~ oxalic acid or salt thereof (B) to ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A) is ~~from 0.00005 to 0.1~~ from 0.0005 to 0.05; and

a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A) to ~~said the~~ caffeine (C) is ~~from 5 to 10000~~ from 10 to 10000.

Claim 2 (Original): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising (D) from 0.0001 to 20 wt% of a sweetener.

Claim 3-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ to claim 1, further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ to claim 1, ~~which~~ wherein the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 5.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-7~~claim 1, wherein said ~~the~~ green tea extract ~~as a raw material is one~~ obtained by
removing caffeine from a concentrate of green tea extract, said ~~the~~ concentrate comprising
from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a
content weight ratio $[(A)/(C)]$ of said ~~the~~ non-polymer catechins (A) to said ~~the~~ caffeine (C)
falls within a range of ~~from 5 to 10000~~from 10 to 10000.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-8~~claim 1, ~~which is filled~~wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-9~~claim 1, ~~which~~wherein the beverage is a soft drink.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to claim 10,
~~which~~wherein the beverage is a carbonated beverage, a beverage with a fruit extract, a juice
with a vegetable extract, a near water, or a sports drink.